

Proclamation 3437**NATIONAL FOREST PRODUCTS WEEK, 1961****By the President of the United States of America**October 4, 1961**A Proclamation**

WHEREAS from its earliest history our Nation has depended upon its forest and timber lands as a source of products for its needs and progress; and

WHEREAS our forest and timber lands, with their majestic beauty and universal appeal, provide recreation and inspiration to the people of the Nation; and

WHEREAS through wise management, use, and renewal, and the development and application of scientific knowledge, our forest lands will continue to supply products for the ever-growing needs of the Nation—lumber, paper, building materials, chemicals, furniture, and cloth—all essentials in improving the lives of our people; and

WHEREAS the Congress, in order to reemphasize the importance and heritage of our forest resources, has by a joint resolution approved September 13, 1960 (74 Stat. 898), designated the seven-day period beginning on the third Sunday of October in each year as National Forest Products Week, and has requested the President to issue annually a proclamation calling for the observance of that week:

36 USC 163.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN F. KENNEDY, President of the United States of America, do hereby call upon the people of the United States to observe the week beginning October 15, 1961, as National Forest Products Week, with activities and ceremonies designed to focus attention on the importance of our forests and forest products to the Nation's continued economic growth and well-being.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this Fourth day of October in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-one, and
[SEAL] of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eighty-sixth.

JOHN F. KENNEDY

By the President:

DEAN RUSK,*Secretary of State.***Proclamation 3438****THANKSGIVING DAY, 1961****By the President of the United States of America**October 27, 1961**A Proclamation**

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord."

More than three centuries ago, the Pilgrims, after a year of hardship and peril, humbly and reverently set aside a special day upon which to give thanks to God for their preservation and for the good harvest from the virgin soil upon which they had labored. Grave and unknown dangers remained. Yet by their faith and by their toil they had survived the rigors of the harsh New England winter. Hence they paused in their labors to give thanks for the blessings that had been bestowed upon them by Divine Providence.